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1. The headquarters of Viet Minh forces in Intersector 3 is at Tho Kuan, Thanh Hoa Province, under General Van Tien Dung^{1/}. Members of his staff include:

Col. Vinh Thinh	Commander-in-Chief
Col. Vu Hien ^{2/}	Deputy Commissar
Lo Sinh	Administrative Commander
Tran Van Thong	Commander of secret regiment No. 19

Secret regiment No. 19 is equipped with one 12.7 mm machine gun, one heavy machine gun and rifles. The Administrative Commander has at his disposal four typewriters and one wireless set.

2. The command organ of the Hanoi front is stationed at Kim Tan^{3/}, under Phung The Tao. Deputy Commander of the Hanoi front is Xuan Chi, aka Chi Quat, who formerly worked under Nguyen Chi Nam with Battalion 644 in Lung Yen. Xuan Chi is now chief of the Hanoi front inspection service. This organization also includes: Le Phan, head of the espionage section in Hanoi^{4/}; Khuat Duy Tien, head of the Hanoi Resistance and Administration Committee; Tran Hai, commander of Battalion 108 in the Hanoi area; and Tran Tho, Chief of the Security Services for the first District of Hanoi.
3. From 1 August to 1 September 1950, new recruits in Intersectors 3 and 4 totalled 10,000 men. They have been assigned to the following security posts: Dam Da (105-44, 20-32); Cho Ria, beyond Dam Da; Kim Tau, in Thanh Hoa; and Cau Bo, in Thanh Hoa.

Five thousand of these new recruits are now training at An Thau village, Kim Tan, Thanh Hoa. An artillery school for underofficers has been established here under the direction of Col. Le Hung. Deputy Commander

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of the school is Binh (fnu). After a training period of two months, the troops will be sent to the north on 1 November 1950.

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4. The Bureau of Civilian Forces, charged with enlisting new recruits for Intersector 3, is stationed in the village of Van, Kim Tan, Thanh Hoa. The Chief of this Bureau is Nguyen Trien, aka Tien; Deputy Chief is Le Thanh Vy, aka Le Pha. Now recruits in the different provinces of Intersector 3 reached 5,000 during August and September 1950, all of whom were dispatched to the South China-Indochina border area.
5. The command unit and official services of Intersector III has its headquarters in Tuyen Quang.
6. The Committee of Resistance and Administration of Thai Nguyen Province is stationed in the Binh La area, between Thai Nguyen and Tuyen Quang.
7. A large army is in preparation in Intersector 3. This army will include the following units:

Division 98, commanded by Manh Hung^{5/}
 Division 43, commanded by Duong Huu Bien
 Division 64, commanded by Tai (fnu).

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3. General Van Tien Dung, supreme commander of Intersector 3, has moved his headquarters (see paragraph 1) to Lien Quang village, Nho Quan (Phu Nho Quan, 105-42, 20-19), Minh Binh Province. He was accompanied by Nguyen Ba Chinh, head of the military court, and a battalion of troops armed with Sten light machine guns and rifles.
2. The following divisions are now in Intersector 3:
 - a) Division 64, with headquarters in Nho Quan.
 Commander: Anh Do^{6/}
 Deputy Commander: Yem (fnu)
 Political Adviser: Hong Tai.
 This division is composed of three battalions, No. 23, No. 216, and No. 218, and is armed with 3 bazookas, 2 heavy machine guns, 2, 12.7 mm machine guns, and 2, 61 mm mortars.
 - b) Division 36, now in Nam Dinh, will be moved to Kim Xuan in Thanh Hoa Province.
 Commander: Nguyen Vy
 Deputy Commander: Hong Dinh Thanh
 Political Adviser: Le Toan
 This division is composed of three battalions, No. 85, No. 37, and No. 73, and is armed with 2 mortars, 1 bazoo mine (sic), and 2, 12.7 mm machine guns.
 - c) Division 42,
 Commander: Duong Huu Vien
 Head of Research: Nguyen Chau Dam
 Investigation: Vu Anh
 Personnel: Nguyen Quang Tien
 This division is composed of two battalions: No. 124, commanded by Bui Sinh; and No. 505, commanded by Nguyen Vinh.

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